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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SJR28

Chairman Golden, members of the committee. My name is Martin J. Desmond from Newport. Last Friday, March 21st, I listened to Senator Golden speak at an Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon Zoom call in regards to SJR 28. Senator Golden suggested a number of talking points of which I will follow up on one. The Senator said that one of the concerns of the other Senators and Representatives have about this amendment is that it could be defeated at the ballot box. I fully expect that Musk will toss in \$5 million to defeat this bill. Peter Thiel, another Nazi billionaire, will toss in a couple of million dollars. Mark Zuckerberg of META and Jeff Bezos of Amazon will feel inclined to join the other fascist billionaires and throw in millions more. From my perspective, we likely passed the climate tipping point twenty years ago when Vice President Al Gore was giving his climate presentations. Rather than hide in the corner like our Newport City Council when asked to write a letter in support of rehiring the fired BLM employees at Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area, I would rather go down fighting for this amendment. We need to have the courage to stand up against all of the evil in this country. I encourage the Oregon State Legislature to pass this amendment to be presented to the Oregon voters to decide.